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To: Audit Committee

From: J. Tyler McCauley  
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Subject: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION  
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors (Board) that the sunset review date for the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families be extended to October 1, 2005.

**BACKGROUND**

The Commission for Children and Families (Commission) was established and has been continued by Board order pursuant to Chapter 3.68 of the Los Angeles County Code. The Board approved sunset date for the Commission was October 1, 2000.

The Commission's main mission is to serve as an advisor to the Board on children's programs. In performing its duties, the Commission shall:

1. Review all programs administered by County departments, which provide children's services for all children at risk;
2. Receive input from appropriate community groups and individuals concerning legislation dealing with children's services;
3. Review and make recommendations to the Board concerning legislation dealing with children's services;
4. Make recommendations as necessary to various department heads to improve children's services;

5. Make recommendations as necessary to the Board on action to be taken to improve children's services;
6. Provide an annual report to the Board concerning the status of children's services, along with recommendations for their improvement, to be utilized for broad community distribution and discussion.

The Commission consists of fifteen members; three appointed by each Supervisor, all of whom should have knowledge and experience in the area of children's services. Members receive \$25 per meeting with a maximum of twenty-four meetings per year. Currently, there are two vacancies.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

Since its inception in 1984, the Commission has served as an advisor to the Board on children's programs, giving special attention to the significant problems with services provided to at risk youth in Los Angeles County. Commissioners are advocates for improved services for children and families across the continuum of care that begins with prevention and early intervention services through placement, adoption, or emancipation.

Members of the Commission work closely with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and both public and private agencies. It advocates for the needs of the children and families and helps secure funding and legislation from the State. The Commission participates in various committees and task forces, which inform the Board and County agencies of issues regarding child and family care.

During this review period, the Commission submitted several recommendations to the Board regarding improvements at MacLaren's Children's Center, a shelter for abused and neglected children. The Board endorsed these recommendations, which addressed a new program for conflict resolution, developing services to assist youths with mental needs, and developing a youth job program. The Legislative Committee, chaired by the Commission, advocated and encouraged the Board to support several pieces of legislation which would benefit children. The Commission also outlined its concerns to the Board regarding Metropolitan State Hospital not having an outside day area for children. In response to that report, a recreational area was constructed for the hospital.

In the future, the Commission will continue to participate in the various committees and task forces. It will also maintain its leadership role in advocating for a Countywide focus on improving communication between departments and moving towards integrating services for children and their families. It also plans to continually monitor the status of

children placed in County and State facilities, such as MacLaren's Children's Center. In addition, the Commission plans to continue to work through its Emancipation Committee to advocate for services to provide children with the skills needed to function independently.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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Attachments

c: Jeanie Johnson, Executive Director, Commission for Children and Families  
Khahn Nguyen, Manager, Commission Services

COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
REVIEW COMMENTS

**Mission.** (Does the mission statement agree with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

Stated mission is as set forth in the ordinance creating the Commission. **CONCUR**

**Section 1. Relevancy.** (Is the mission still relevant and in agreement with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

With shrinking County resources, major changes in State and Federal financing of children's programs, and the number of abused and neglected children under County care increasing from 30,000 in 1984 to over 70,000 in 2000, the mission remains **RELEVANT**

**Section 2. Meetings and Attendance.** (Are required meetings held and is attendance satisfactory?)

Meetings are required to be held at least once a month. The Commission typically schedules five to six meetings each quarter. Average attendance has been nine commissioners per meeting, based on a membership of 15. **SATISFACTORY**

**Sections 3 and 4. Accomplishments and Results.** (Are listed accomplishments and results significant?)

The Commission for Children and Families' accomplishments/results include the following:

- The Commission submitted several recommendations to the Board during this review period regarding improvements at MacLaren's Children's Center, a shelter for abused and neglected children. The Board adopted these recommendations, which addressed a new program for conflict resolution, developing services to assist youths with mental needs, and developing a youth job program.
- The Legislative Committee, chaired by the Commission, advocated and encouraged the Board to support several pieces of legislation, which would benefit children.
- The Commission also outlined its concerns to the Board regarding Metropolitan State Hospital not having an outside day area for the children. In response to that report, a recreational area was constructed for the hospital.

- The Commission's 300/600 Task Force recommended and advocated for changes that would help prevent at risk youth from ending up on probation. Among these recommendations was the implementation of Start Taking Action Responsibly Today (START) Units, which brings together DCFS and Probation Department staff resources to assess children's education and placement stabilization. **SIGNIFICANT**

**Section 5. Objectives.** (Are the objectives compatible with the mission and goals and relevant within the current County environment?)

In the future, the Commission will continue to participate in the various committees and task forces. It will also maintain its leadership role in advocating for a Countywide focus on improving communication between departments and moving towards integrating services for children and their families. It also plans to continually monitor the status of children placed in County and State facilities, such as MacLaren's Children's Center. In addition, the Commission plans to continue to work through its Emancipation Committee to advocate for services to provide children with the skills needed to function independently. **RELEVANT**

**Section 6. Resources.** (Are the resources utilized by the entity in support of the entity's activities warranted in terms of the accomplishments and results?)

Each year, approximately \$200,000 in costs are budgeted with the Department of Children and Family Services (see attachments II and III). Approximately 84% of these costs are subvented via State and federal funding. The remaining 16% (\$33,000) represents net County costs.

Commissioners receive a \$25 stipend for attending each meeting, not to exceed 24 meetings per year. These costs are charged against the Board of Supervisor's operating budget. Based on average attendance, commissioners receive a total of approximately \$5,000 each year in stipends. **WARRANTED**

**Section 7. Recommendation.**

**EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO OCTOBER 1, 2005.**

**SUNSET REVIEW EVALUATION FORM  
FOR USE BY  
COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES**

Attachment I  
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**Organization Name:** Commission for Children and Families

**Contact Person:** Jeanie Johnson, Executive Director

**Mission:** The vision and mission of the Commission is to advise the Board in the areas of child welfare and family policy. The Commission actively pursues all major issues affecting children, their families and children's services in the County of Los Angeles. In addition, as the County's resource for monitoring the efficacy of children's services, the Commission provides a forum to collect relevant information and thereafter present comprehensive advice to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). (See attached history and vision/function.)

**Requested Sunset Date:**

**ORGANIZATION'S  
SELF EVALUATION**  
October 1, 1997 - September 30, 2000

**REVIEW COMMENTS**  
October, 2000

<b>Section 1. How does the mission of the organization remain relevant in the current County environment?</b>	
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<p>This vision is particularly relevant today since the number of children in the dependency system in the Los Angeles County has now grown to approximately 70,000. In addition, there are approximately 25,000 youth in the Probation system and children under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Health (DMH). The oversight of programs and services for these at risk youth is extremely important to ensure that they are not further abused by the system and that they grow up in permanent, stable homes and transition to adulthood successfully.</p> <p>In the last three years the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has been in turmoil to the extent that the BOS ordered a Management Audit in November 1998 for the first time ever. A reorganization of DCFS is currently being conducted. During the last two years the Grand Jury has conducted investigations of services related to foster children (group homes in 1998/99 and FFA foster homes in 1999/2000).</p> <p>The County Auditor-Controller's Office has conducted independent audits of programs within the Department such as the Independent Living Program (ILP) and Family Preservation. Both dependency and</p>	
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delinquency youth are emancipating without sufficient resources and reports from the RAND Corporation and UCLA indicate instances of homelessness of those youth. There are insufficient resources for youth with mental health issues creating crowded conditions for youth at MacLaren Children's Center, juvenile halls, and waiting lists at Metropolitan State Hospital. All of this suggests that there are significant problems with the delivery of services to the children in Los Angeles County who are most at risk.

## Section 2. Meetings and Attendance.

Meetings:	
Required:	_____ 66
Scheduled: _____ 66	Held: _____ 66
Date of last meeting:	_____ 9/18/00
Average attendance Per meetings:	_____ 9
Membership:	_____ 15*

\* Two vacancies as of September 30, 2000

\*\* There have been times of multiple vacancies during this review period.

**SUNSET REVIEW EVALUATION FORM  
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**Organization Name:** Commission for Children and Families

**Section 3. Identify the organization's accomplishments (output/products).**

**Relative Caregiver:** The BOS requested the Commission together with the Director of DCFS and the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, review the safety and care of foster children currently residing with relative caregivers and report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations. The Relative Caregiver Committee members were convened from both the public and private sector. The Committee was co-chaired by a Commissioner and a community advocate. The Committee will report its recommendations to the Board on October 31, 2000.

**Group Home Task Force:** A Commissioner chaired the Task Force, which made recommendations submitted to the BOS regarding the care of children in group homes. Some of the recommendations have been implemented by DCFS including substantial changes to group home contracts. The Task Force recommendations were also submitted to the State Task Force on Group Homes. Many of the Los Angeles County Task Force recommendations were incorporated into State Law in SB 933.

**Education Initiative Committee:** The Commission took the lead in bringing together County agencies to submit a proposal to the State for educational funding for services for dependency and delinquency youth in group homes.

**Legal Permanency Task Force:** The Task Force, co-chaired by a Commissioner and the Director of DCFS, brought awareness to a number of issues affecting permanency such as new methods and systems to accelerate adoptions.

**Legislative Committee:** The Legislative Committee, chaired by the Commission, brings together private agencies to analyze legislative issues impacting children and families and recommends positions to the Commission for submission to the BOS.

**300/600 Task Force:** The Board charged the Task Force, which a Commissioner chaired, to review and make recommendations for dependency youth who because of their behavior either were at risk of being placed under the jurisdiction of Probation or who are under dual



supervision of DCFS and Probation.

**Emancipation Oversight Committee:** A Commissioner chairs the oversight Committee which has worked on the implementation of recommendations from the Grand Jury report on emancipation and the Court Task Force recommendations for emancipation. The Committee reports to the BOS and makes recommendations to the Department of Probation and DCFS. Over the last several years, the implementation of the Committee has been instrumental in bringing about positive changes for emancipating youth.

**Court Committee on Psychotropic Medication Protocol:** The Commission participated in the Juvenile Court Committee to develop the guidelines for authorization of psychotropic medication for children under the Court jurisdiction.

**Placement Committee:** At the request of the Director of DCFS, the Commission took a leadership role in bringing together agencies and advocates and chaired the Committee to provide comprehensive recommendations for placement of foster children. Recommendations were in the areas of:

- Assessments
- Quality and Accountability
- Research and Data

**MacLaren Children's Center (MCC) Committee:** A Commissioner chairs this Committee which has oversight of the only County-run shelter for abused and neglected children. Over the last three years, the Commission has made a number of recommendations to the BOS regarding improvements at MCC. In January 1997, in collaboration with County agencies and under the leadership of the Commission, the Committee made recommendations to the BOS who adopted these recommendations and by Board motion ordered them to be implemented. In addition, these recommendations were reviewed by the independent consultant hired by the BOS who included many of them in his report. The Commission and the MCC Committee have advocated for a number of positive changes that have been implemented at MCC.

**Family Preservation/Family Support Committee:** Family Preservation is a program designed to provide intensive services to strengthen and preserve families. All policy decisions regarding Family Preservation and Family Support Programs are made by a Multi-Disciplinary Policy Committee, which is a program designed to provide

intensive services to strengthen and preserve families. The Committee has been chaired by a Commissioner for the past eight years. Recommendations are being made to the BOS and to Department of Children and Family Services. The Committee heard presentations from Regional Planning and from parents involved in the program. The Committee has identified several areas needing improvements including:

- The need for a comprehensive program evaluation
- Major service needs
- Improved communication with DCFS
- Data and research
- Stabilized funding

Need to expand geographically

**Proposition 10 Commission:** One of the first tasks of the BOS, as it relates to the passage of Proposition 10, was the establishment of a local Children and Families First - Proposition 10 Commission. A Commissioner from the Commission for Children and Families serves on the Commission as an Ex-officio member and served on the Committee that developed the Proposition 10 Commission By-Laws. The Commission advocated for the Children's Planning Council, Child Care Advisory Board, and Commission for Children and Families to have representation on the Proposition 10 Commission in order to further integrate County programs services for children. A Commissioner also chaired the subcommittee to develop the plan for the Proposition 10 Commission for a resource "warm line".

**New Directions Task Force:** Maintaining the viability of the family is and should be the first priority of our County and our communities. Current recommendations from the New Directions Task Force include utilizing CalWORKS funding to expand this program. While the Commission endorsed the recommendations of the New Directions Task Force, it requested additional areas of support for dependent, delinquent, and emancipated youth for inclusion into the Task Force Plan. A Commissioner also participated in the Task Force meetings. The Commission wrote a letter to the BOS asking that more emphasis be placed on the needs of emancipating dependency and Probation youth in the plan for the CalWORKS money.

**Mental Health Adhoc Committee:** The Commission co-chaired this Committee with the Probation Commission. The Committee brought together agency representatives and advocates around the issue of mental health services for youth in juvenile halls and camps, as well as

mental health issues of pre-delinquent youth in the dependency system and in the community.

**Children's Defense Fund Annual Conference:** This organization has national meetings each year bringing experts and participants on children's issues together from across the county. Commissioners participated in the planning and were speakers at several conference workshops.

**Metropolitan State Hospital:** The Commission outlined its concerns regarding Metropolitan State Hospital to the BOS. As a result of subsequent action taken by the Board in response to that report, a recreational area was constructed. Prior to that time, children at the hospital had no outside day area. A Commissioner is a member of the Metropolitan State Hospital Steering Committee.

**Collaboration:**

- The Commission took a leadership role in bringing together representatives from the Probation Commission, Mental Health Commission, Los Angeles City Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families, the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families, The Children's Planning Council, and the directors of DCFS, Probation, and DMH. The issues affecting children that cross all agencies were discussed and suggestions were made for collaboration between Agencies and Commissions.
- The Commission initiated the first ever joint Commission meeting between the Commission for Children and Families and the Mental Health Commission.
- The Commission initiated the first ever joint meeting between the Commission and the Los Angeles City Commission For Children, Youth and Their Families.
- Representatives of our Commission met with the CAO and Children's Planning Council to discuss more integration of services and a coordinating body to facilitate agencies working together.
- The Commission advocated for representation of the Children's Planning Council, Child Care Advisory Board and Commission for Children and Families on the Proposition 10 Commission to better integrate children's programs and services in Los Angeles County.

**Participation in Other Committees and Task Forces**

The Commission's participation in a wide range of a number of committees and task forces have brought awareness to the BOS and County agencies regarding gaps in the delivery system.

**Member of:**

- Policy Roundtable for Children
- Children's Planning Council
- Metropolitan State Hospital Steering Committee
- Proposition 10 Commission (Ex-Officio)
- Adoptions Work Process Committee

**Representation on:**

- Literacy Task Force
- L.A. Care
- Foster Care Task Force
- Juvenile Court Committee
- New Directions Task Force
- Family Group Decision Making Committee
- L.A. County Bar Association Juvenile Justice Task Force
- City Commission for Children, Youth, and Their Families
- Juvenile Dependency Court Community Focus Team
- Children's Institute International Conference
- CAO Forum "Working Together for Results"
- Fifth Supervisorial District Adoptions Summit
- DHS and DMH 0 – 5 Conference and Seminar Series Planning Committee
- Annual Court Conference Planning Committee
- Casey Family Program Transition Partners
- Task Force on Alcohol and Drug Affected Parents
- Casey Family Program Transition Partners
- State Stakeholders Committee on Foster Care

**Liaison to:**

- Mental Health Commission
- Probation Commission
- Metropolitan State Hospital - Steering Committee
- State Stakeholders Committee
- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

**Commissioners as Speakers:**

- Juvenile Courts School Conference
- DCFS Emancipation Training involving 2,000 Social Workers

**Commission on Panels:**

- Fifth Annual Adoptions Summit
- JCAHO Forum
- Juvenile Court Partnership Conference
- State Select Committee on Juvenile Justice

**Review DCFS Cases:** The Commission reviews a select number of cases each year. Requests come from BOS Offices, the Director of DCFS, the Dependency Court and individuals who write or call the Commission. Commissioners review and make recommendations regarding systematic and policy changes.

**Section. 4.** Identify the outcome (results) of the organization's accomplishments during the evaluation period.

Many of the results are listed in Section 3 above. In addition to those, other accomplishment are:

**Group Home Task Force:**

- Educational assessments, tutoring, and record keeping is now occurring for youth in foster homes.
- Significant improvements have been made to the group home contracts including requirements for education, health, and emancipation. Subsequently similar changes were made to FFA contracts.
- Children's Social Workers are required to visit youth once per month.
- A County and State Ombudsman are in place.
- Monitoring and auditing of group homes and foster care homes has increased.

**Education Initiative Committee:**

- The Committee was not only successful in being awarded the funds they requested, but additional funds were also awarded to the County. The Commission continues to oversee the implementation of this project.

**Legal Permanency Task Force:**

- The Task Force brought about significant changes in these areas.

Since the inception of the Task Force, adoptions have increased substantially each year.

**Legislative Committee:**

- The Commission has advocated and encouraged the BOS to support several pieces of legislation, which would benefit children. Commissioners have worked with County agencies in Washington D.C., and Sacramento, meeting with State and Federal legislators advocating for legislative changes. Commissioners were instrumental in the following legislation areas:
  - Support and development of legislation that would provide legal permanency for children
  - Through its meetings, the Commission regularly informs child advocates and other interested parties on matters impacting children. The League of Women Voters regularly sends a representative who attends Commission meetings.
  - Chaffee Bill for Emancipation Foster Youth.
  - SB 933 – Improvements of Services for Youth in Group Homes.
  - The Commission, with the Child Care Advisory Board, Sponsored a briefing for Los Angeles County legislators and their staff.

**300/600 Task Force:**

- The Commission made recommendations and advocated for changes that would assist in preventing at risk youth from ending up in Probation. One of the major recommendations was the formation of the Multi-Disciplinary START Unit. An independent evaluation by U.S.C. showed that the START Unit put youth on a “positive trajectory” in terms of education and placement stabilization. The Consortium is preparing to implement this model Countywide.
- The Consortium is beginning implementation of START Units Countywide.
- The first ever multi-disciplinary units including DCFS, DMH, Probation, LACOE, and LAUSD was developed.
- A database was developed that provides a daily report of dependency youth who have had contact each day with the probation system.
- Awareness was raised regarding the need for services and programs for this population of youth.

**Emancipation Oversight Committee:**

- Recommendation and implementation of E-Step Program.

- DCFS adopted a policy of planning for children beginning at age 14.
- Increase in available transitional housing.
- Job programs have been established.
- Two Alumni Centers are open as drop in resource center for emancipated youth.
- Enrollment in ILP classes has increased.
- Emancipation Quarterly Contract is being used by some youth workers, and care providers.
- Emancipation Assistant's Program is in place which allows former foster youth jobs at DCFS working with pre-emancipated youth.
- Scholarship availability has increased.
- Training for Social Workers on emancipation has been provided.
- Increased collaboration between DCFS and Probation in programs for emancipating youth.
- Emancipation videos were developed.
- Transitional housing for youth with mental health problems is being developed through a partnership with DCFS and DMH.
- Awareness regarding emancipation has been raised locally, Statewide and nationally. Many see Los Angeles as the leader in emancipation and other cities are seeking advice from Los Angeles.
- Legislation to increase available money for ILP has passed.
- The task force has taken a lead roll in working with DCFS and Probation to develop an ILP budget.

**Court Committee on Psychotropic Medication Protocol:**

- A psychotropic medication protocol was developed.
- A pilot program for Family Group Decision-Making was implemented and is in the process of being expanded Countywide.

**Placement Committee:**

- More detailed program statements for FFA's and group homes are required.
- Tracking and monitoring of complaints regarding out-of-home placements occurs.
- DCFS is developing a data and research component in their reorganization.

**MCC Committee:**

- A decrease in the number of substitute teachers.
- Increased awareness with BOS regarding the changing needs of the children at MCC.
- Implementation of a new program for conflict resolution.
- BOS hired a independent consultant to make recommendation

regarding MCC.

- A Multi-Disciplinary approach to service at MCC is being implemented.
- Development of wrap-around services to meet the needs of the increasing number of youth with mental health needs.
- Advocated and received for an improved contract for Health Services for youth at MCC.
- The development of an Emancipation program for youth at MCC.
- The development of a Job Program for youth at MCC.
- Development of a Yoga program.
- Development of a committee to work with an architect for a plan to reconfigure MCC to meet the needs of the changing population.
- Integration of mental health workers into the cottages and school is being implemented.
- A shared database has been implemented.
- BOS motion created a new position in the Auditor-Controllers Office to oversee quality and accountability.
- The Commission brought together representatives from State and local Regional Centers, County agencies, State Department of Social Services, courts and advocates to discuss improved services for youth who are State Regional Center clients.

**Family Preservation/Family Support Committee:**

- DCFS will treat the issue of outcome evaluation as a top priority.
- DCFS also committed to review, analyze, and distill existing evaluation reports and other relevant data; work with all stakeholders to create a consistent format for future evaluations; monitor future evaluations to ensure the DCFS managers are briefed; and supervise ongoing future program effectiveness evaluations so that they can be timely and accurately completed.
- Four additional family presentation networks were implemented under the Director of Policy Committee.
- A Five Year Plan for Family Support was developed.
- The first Family Support Programs were implemented.
- 30,000 children have been serviced since inception. Those areas served by Family Preservation consistently have lower rates of children entering placements.

**Proposition 10 Commission:**

The Proposition 10 Commission began developing an infrastructure that would support the improvement of services for expectant parents, children from the prenatal stage to age five and their families in Los



Angeles County. Key activities the Proposition 10 Commission has completed are:

- Granted an initial \$4 million to 18 agencies to improve the accessibility, availability and quality of child care for children 0 – 5.
- Granted \$10 million to 29 agencies to expand home visitation programs throughout Los Angeles County.
- Granted \$19.7 million to agencies to enhance quality child care and early learning opportunities throughout Los Angeles County.

**New Directions Task Force:**

- Due to the Commission advocacy changes were made to the planning and discussion to include dependency and delinquency youth in the New Directions Task Force plan.

**Mental Health Adhoc Committee:**

- The BOS ordered a Planning Committee to develop recommendations to meet the needs of pre-delinquent and delinquent youth.

**Collaboration:**

- Increase in collaboration between agencies including the BOS motion to create the Consortium and the Service Integration Branch (SIB).
- Partnered with the Mental Health Commission, Los Angeles City Commission for Children, and Their Families, and the Los Angeles County Performing Arts in developing BEST Arts (Building Educational Success Through the Arts) where more than 600 early childhood education personnel, child care providers, mental health professionals, and other advocates gathered for an introduction to the concepts of BEST Arts.
- Children's Planning Council, Child Care Advisory Board and Commission for Children and Families given ex-officio representation on Proposition 10 Commission by Board motion.
- Created awareness in BOS, County agencies and Commission regarding the crossover of children who need services from multiple agencies.
- The BOS motion for establishment of the Consortium.
- The BOS motion for establishment of the SIB.
- The Commission established the first ever liaison with the Mental Health and Probation Commission, and the Los Angeles City Commission for Children, Youth, and Their Families.
- The Commission conference room was the meeting place for the

Consortium's first one and one-half years of operation supported by Commission staff.

**Participation in Other Committees and Task Forces:**

- Significant changes have resulted for children from the various committees and task force recommendations.
- Commissioners have expanded their knowledge on issues to better advise the BOS.

**Section 5.** What is the organization's objectives for the upcoming evaluation period?

The Commission will focus on our objectives at our Annual Retreat planned for October 2000.

**SUNSET REVIEW EVALUATION FORM  
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Attachment I  
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**Organization Name:** Commission for Children and Families

**Section 6.** Identify the organization's use of resources (inputs) over the evaluation period.

**BUDGETED                      ACTUAL**

Draft budget attached. Actual figures requested, but not received.  
There is no separate budget for the Commission. All costs are budgeted within the Department of Children and Family Services.

**DIRECT COSTS:**

Personnel	\$	\$
Services & Supplies		
Travel		
Other		
Total Direct Costs	\$	\$

*See Attachments II and III*

**INDIRECT COSTS**

Personnel	\$	\$
Overhead		
Other		
Total Indirect Costs	\$	\$

<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	\$ _____	\$
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**OTHER RESOURCES USED  
(ADMINISTRATIVE)**

**Section 7. Recommendation.**

The Commission has achieved significant accomplishments for the children in Los Angeles County. The impact has ranged from prevention to services and programs. We have impacted adoptions, emancipation, mental health, delinquency, kinship, legislation, education quality, accountability and the collaboration of County agencies. There is still considerable work to be done. We recommend that the Commission and the BOS continue to support our efforts to improve the lives of children in Los Angeles County.

**COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001**

**DRAFT**

**STAFF**

Director, Commission for Children and Families	\$67,000
Secretary, Commission Services	<u>48,556</u>
Total Salaries	\$115,556
Employee Benefits at 25.829%	<u>29,847</u>
Total Salary and Employee Benefits	<b>\$145,403</b>

**INDIRECT COSTS**

Support Cost (\$500 per month)	\$6,000
Miscellaneous (awards, plaques, etc.)	2,000
Training, Conferences and Retreats*	15,000
Subscriptions/Books/Video Tapes	1,000
Stock Supplies (12 months)	2,000
Postage (12 months)	<u>10,000</u>
	<b>\$36,000</b>

**TOTAL FY 2000-2001 BUDGET**

**\$181,403**

\*Purchase of food/refreshments is not claimable and not allowed.

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<b>COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000</b>		<b>DRAFT</b>
<b><u>CURRENT BUDGETED ITEMS (DSE643)</u></b>		
Salaries & Wages (12 months estimate for two personnel)		\$150,000
Support Cost (\$500 per month)		6,000
Temporary Services (12 months)		30,000
Security Services (12 months)		6,000
Stock Supplies (12 months)		2,000
Postage (12 months)		<u>10,000</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT BUDGETED ITEMS</b>		<b>\$204,000</b>
<b><u>PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUDGET ITEMS</u></b>		
Equipment (Computers, printers, fax, pagers)		
Subscriptions/Books/Video Tapes		1,000
Miscellaneous (awards, plaques, etc.)		2,000
Training, Conferences and Retreats*		12,500
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUDGET ITEMS</b>		<b>\$15,500</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL CURRENT AND PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUDGET ITEMS</b>		<b>\$219,500</b>
*Purchase of food/refreshments is not claimable and not allowed.  <small>C:\BSP\commission.wrt</small>		

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		<b>\$36,000</b>
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<b>COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000</b>		<b>DRAFT</b>
<b><u>CURRENT BUDGETED ITEMS (DSE643)</u></b>		
Salaries & Wages (12 months estimate for two personnel)	\$150,000	
Support Cost (\$500 per month)	8,000	
Temporary Services (12 months)	30,000	
Security Services (12 months)	6,000	
Stock Supplies (12 months)	2,000	
Postage (12 months)	<u>10,000</u>	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT BUDGETED ITEMS</b>	<b>\$204,000</b>	
<b><u>PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUDGET ITEMS</u></b>		
Equipment (Computers, printers, fax, pagers)		
Subscriptions/Books/Video Tapes	1,000	
Miscellaneous (awards, plaques, etc.)	2,000	
Training, Conferences and Retreats*	12,500	
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL CURRENT AND PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUDGET ITEMS</b>		<b>\$219,500</b>
*Purchase of food/refreshments is not claimable and not allowed.  <small>C:\msw\comfion\w44</small>		



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**  
**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Commissioner	Nominated By	12/31/97	3/31/98	6/30/98	9/30/98	12/31/98	3/31/99	6/30/99	9/30/99	12/31/99	3/31/00	6/30/00	9/30/00	Totals	% Attend
Number of Meetings per Quarter ----->		5	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	5	6	6	5	67	
Norine Boehmer	Molina	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2		27	44%
Adelina Ruth Sorkin	Molina		3	4	5	4	5	6	5	5	6	6	4	53	85%
Kevin Gano	Molina	1	2	3	0	2	2	2	4	4	0	5	2	27	40%
Harriette F. Williams	Burke	4	6	6	2	3	5	4	4	4	6	5	4	53	79%
Barbara Bailey Barnes	Burke	2	4	4	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	31	46%
Lula M. Meshack	Hahn	5	4	4	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	20	30%
Carol Oughton Biondi	Yaroslavsky								2	5	6	5	3	21	75%
Nancy Daly Riordan	Yaroslavsky	3	3	4	2	1	1							14	42%
Helen A Kleinberg	Yaroslavsky	4	4	5	3	1	5	4	2	5	4	4	3	44	66%
Phalen G. Hurewitz	Yaroslavsky	5	6	4	4	4	5	6	6	5	6	6	5	62	93%
Stewart Steckel	Knabe		0	5	5	5	6	5						26	76%
Hal W. Brown	Dana	1												1	20%
Elisa Nicholas, M.D.	Knabe						1	4	4	3	3	2	3	20	50%
Elizabeth H. Lowe	Dana	5	4	5	4	4								22	81%
Janet Teague	Dana	3	5	5	1	5	3	3	3	4	5			37	66%
Nancy Lee Beck	Knabe											6	1	7	64%
Elsie Go Lu	Knabe												2	2	40%
Patricia Curry	Antonovich	4	5	4	5	5	6	3	6	5	3	4	4	54	81%
Daisy Ma	Antonovich		3	3	0	3	5	5	1	4	4	5	4	37	60%
Darren W. Parker	Antonovich	4	3	6	4	2	1	0	2	2	0	3	4	31	46%
Totals		43	54	65	43	45	52	47	43	51	49	56	41	589	
Average Attendance per Meeting ----->														8.8	